

FISCAL NOTE

HJR 970

March 10, 2004

SUMMARY OF BILL: Proposes to amend Article XI of the Constitution of Tennessee to provide that any policy or law or judicial interpretation, purporting to define marriage as anything other than the historical institution and legal contract between one man and one woman, is contrary to the public policy of this state and shall be void and unenforceable in Tennessee.

The amendment shall be referred to the 104th General Assembly and this resolution proposing such amendment shall be published by the Secretary of State in accordance with Article XI, Section 3, of the Constitution of Tennessee.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$20,000 One-Time

Assumes a one-time cost of \$20,000 to the Secretary of State to print notice of the proposed amendment in certain newspapers as required by this resolution. This publication would occur in the Spring of 2004.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director